

Sunday 27th March 2022

Mass Times: Monday - Friday 9.30am, Saturday: 9:30am, 5:30pm Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am

Baptisms & other sacraments: please call the office to organise.



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Year C

4th Sunday of Lent - Year C

In the midst of Lent we are given a moment for rejoicing, Laetare Sunday. All of the readings provide us with reasons for rejoicing. The overarching theme is the prodigal goodness of God. The responsorial psalm sets the context for the reflections. The other readings show how needy people were showered with divine favour. Even in the midst of this rejoicing, we find a challenge. We must undergo a change of heart if we are to rejoice in God.

The goodness of God is strikingly portrayed in the radically new image of father. This is a God who allows us to follow our own dreams, who is partial to no one, who faithfully and patiently waits for us to return, who gently corrects our misperceptions. God longs to be reconciled with us even more than we long to be reconciled with God.

The challenges placed before us set out some of the conditions required if we are to be a new creation. We are called to a profound and total reconciliation, first with God and then with each other. Christ was identified with sin so that we might be identified with God's righteousness. Reconciliation requires that we be open to giving and receiving forgiveness. It requires that we both remember and forget. We must always remember the causes of alienation, so that we not succumb to them again. However, we must forget the resentment that we felt so that we not allow it to influence our lives.

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN
LENT

Let us pray

Baptism:

Chloe Pavlou, Olivia and
Isabella Dowlan



Recently Deceased:


Carol French

Anniversary:

Kevin Bryce

Pauline and Joseph Carroll

Fr John Ashe



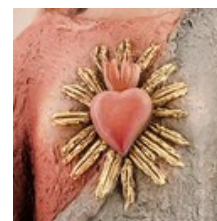
**HAVE YOU
thought?
The Prodigal**

Because the only context in which most people ever hear the word prodigal is in relation to this parable, there is a common misunderstanding of the word. Because the parable is also referred to as the parable of the lost son, many people think prodigal means lost. However, to be prodigal means to be wastefully extravagant. When the son took his father's money he adopted a prodigal lifestyle. However, the irony of the story that is often lost is that the father too was prodigal in the extravagant welcome he gave. The father's extravagance echoes God's extravagant and abundant grace and love.

'The people of both Ukraine and Russia desperately need our spiritual work of mercy, and our union with them in prayer. May conversion of hearts and minds be foremost in our prayer...'

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

On the consecration of Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



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MARCH:
Month of the St Joseph

28th St Conon

29th St Secundus

30th St John Climacus

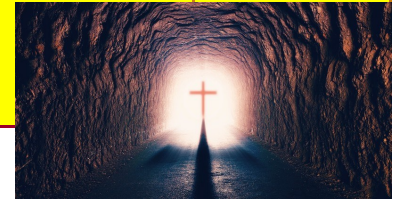
31st St Amos

Thank you to Mr Greg French & Family for donating the beautiful flower arrangement to our Church in loving memory of his late wife, Mrs Carol French who passed away earlier this month.



HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES 2022

PALM SUNDAY	RECONCILIATION	HOLY THURSDAY	GOOD FRIDAY	EASTER VIGIL	EASTER SUNDAY
9th April—vigil 5.30pm 10th April 9am 11am Bring a branch/palm along to be blessed or you are invited to take a blessed branch home from	Monday 11th April 7pm	14th April 7pm mass Followed by prayer time at the Altar of Repose.	15th April Stations of the Cross 10.30am The Passion of the Lord 3pm	16th April 7pm Easter Vigil Mass NO 5.30pm mass	17th April 9am mass 11am mass



Rosters for Next Week

3rd April	5.30pm	9.00am	11.00am
Lector	Paul Dungan	Rod Watson	Richard Wakeham
Eucharist Minister	Clare Sabatino	Mary Callea	Jenny Reiche
Audio Visual Operator	Carmel Cristiano	Leo Cuerden	Teresa Myer

Flood Appeal—SVdP

For those wishing to donate to support the long-term recovery work of the effects on the people living in the flood regions of Qld & NSW, follow this link:



www.vinnies.org.au-Flood_appeal-St_Vincent_de_Paul_Society-Good_Works

CARITAS AUSTRALIA-UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

This appeal will support the provision of clean water, hygiene and food kits to vulnerable families, as well as safe collection centres for families on the move, emergency accommodation and support for distressed children and families.

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine/>

Healing Mass, Tuesday, 12th April 11 am,

St Finbar's Church

followed by lunch in the Marian Room



2022 ST FINBAR'S LENTEN PROGRAM

COME ALONG AND LISTEN.

Thursday evening, 7:30-8:30 pm followed by tea/ coffee.

Location: Marian Room, no bookings required.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Friday evenings

6.30pm inside the church



SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

St Finbar's Parish hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.